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Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-14, drawn to a method for detecting an analyte.

Group II, claim(s) s 15-25, drawn to a kit for detecting analyte.

Group III, claim(s) 26-30, drawn to a flow-through assay apparatus.

Group IV, claim(s) 31-33, drawn to a device for supplying a specimen.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I-IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the inventions are linked by the method of claim 1; however, such a method anticipated by Cole et al (US 5,141,850.

Cole discloses a method where a sample suspected of containing an analyte is contacted with a labeled reagent and the resulting mixture is contacted with a solid phase support having immobilized capture reagents. See Abstract.

Thus, the instant invention lacks a novel special technical feature.

3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include

(i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement

may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-0824. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -- Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le can be reached on (571) 272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1641 July 8, 2008